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In our talk yesterday on labor matters (EMBTEL 181) Junta President Castillo Armas made a passing reference to political matters which may indicate there is still some disaffection in army circles.

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Castillo said that army officers were "of course" anti-Communist but that they had been subjected to years of propaganda by Arevalo and Arbenz and this propaganda had had some effect. Consequently, he hoped every opportunity would be taken to impress on officers that any move against present government would aid communism.

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I replied that Embassy had always urged consolidation of all anti-Communist forces behind government and had been seriously preoccupied by tendency of various factions to engage in petty political maneuvering. I added same policy was still in force. Castillo expressed appreciation.

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